

# ABOUT ORRIN C. HUDSON

Orrin C. Hudson is the founder of Be Someone, a non-profit crime prevention program. Hudson spearheads the organization's charge to fulfill its mission: *to build character, hope and inspiration among disadvantaged youth and individuals, allowing them to set and achieve lifetime goals, realize their full potential and 'Be Someone.'*

The seventh of 13 children, Hudson grew up in public housing in Birmingham, Ala., finding himself in-and-out of foster care. As a teenager, he was stealing tires and struggling in school until James Edge, his high school English teacher, taught Hudson the game of chess.

"With his help, I began to understand life through a chessboard. He showed me that every move you make has consequences and in order to improve my game and my life, I had to make better choices," says Hudson. "I slowly realized that I was responsible for my own success or failure."

Chess helped improve Hudson's focus – and helped him develop the analytical-thinking skills needed to make the winning move. Hudson went on to win the Birmingham City Chess Championship in 1999, and again in 2000, despite being the lowest-ranking player in the tournament on both occasions.

In 2001, Hudson learned of an incident in which seven Wendy's employees were shot, five of whom died – for a mere \$2,400. It was this tragic incident that inspired Hudson to quit his job and use his life savings to found Be Someone.

A teacher, motivational speaker and author, he has taught thousands focus and decision-making skills through the game of chess. Hudson's book "One Move at a Time" eloquently weaves chess strategy with 20 important life lessons in a suitable read for all ages.

Hudson is a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Success School. He is a member of the National Speakers Association, Georgia Speakers Association, United Chess Federation, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and DeKalb Chamber of Commerce.



## For More Information

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